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# World Happenings In Pictures

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## Grain Farming Area of Virden Now "Oil Centre" of Manitoba

VIRDEN, Man.—Two years ago this was a quiet, well-to-do agricultural community in the middle of a grain farming area. Today it is a bustling little community that is calling itself the "Oil Centre" of Manitoba. With one oil field almost on its doorstep and another within a few miles, Virden is experiencing what it calls "oil prosperity". And the signs are plain to see. Main streets are being torn up as large excavating machines gouge out trenches for new sanitary sewers. High above the town rises a new water tower, part of the water works system being installed. New business buildings are going up and new homes are being built. Along No. 1 Highway new garages, service

stations and motels are nearing completion. Downtown is a new movie house, named appropriately enough, "The Derrick". Virden citizens became oil conscious in 1950 when the nearby field was discovered almost on the outskirts of the town. Already the new field has six producing wells, the wellheads of which can be seen from the town. One of the most recent wells brought into production was Imperial Oil's Virden 8-28 on the 320-acre farm of William C. Skinner, about one mile northwest of the town. Mr. Skinner held the mineral rights for his farm, but some little time ago he sold half of them to a syndicate of Virden businessmen. The royalties on the Skinner well production amount to one barrel of oil in eight.

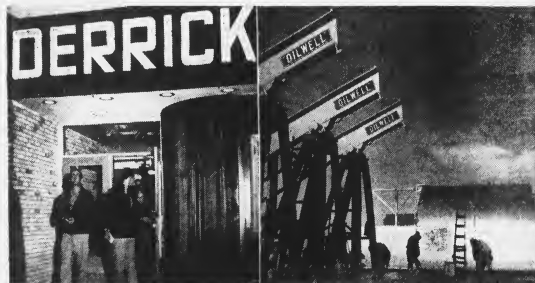


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**TYPICAL OF VIRDEN'S** "changing scene" is the excavation of Virden's main street, where sanitary sewers are being installed, shown above on the left. On the right is a rotary drilling rig silhouetted against the skyline just outside of the town. When this well is "drilled up" the rig will be moved to another location.



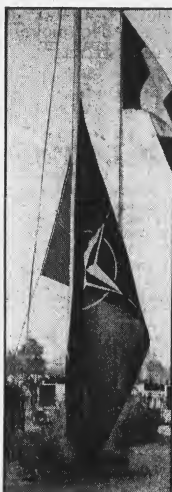
The above (left) picture shows Mr. and Mrs. William C. Skinner, and five-year-old daughter, Claudia, inspecting a crude oil storage tank on their farm, which is the location of the Imperial Virden No. 8-28 well, a mile northwest of the town. On the right shows Mr. Skinner and Claudia, looking at a new kind of Christmas tree, a "wellhead." Mr. Skinner owns the mineral rights on his farm.



Above (left) shows oil men emerging from a night show at Virden's new theatre, which is appropriately named "The Derrick." On the right can be seen the oil field equipment located in the town. In the foreground are pumps used to bring oil up from the production zone to the earth's surface. In the background workmen are assembling a crude oil storage tank.



**NINE PERKY TERRIERS**—These nine perky terrier pups seem to have all they can handle as they size up a four-foot mastodon bone. The litter of five males and four females was the first for Pickle and Sparky, both owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Stutsman, of Goshen, Ind. The bone was found behind the Stutsman's home.



**FLAG OF HOPE**—NATO's new blue-and-silver flag rises for the first time during the recent Atlantic Exposition in Paris, France. A blue field, symbolizing the Atlantic Ocean forms the background for a silver compass rose, symbol of the common aims of NATO member nations. In the background is the French national flag.



**ALIX GIRLS ARE DOMINION CHAMPIONS**—Pictured here are Misses Wanda Waddy and Betty Stone—members of the Alix, Alta, 4-H food club team—who won Canadian honors in 4-H club competitions held in conjunction with the Toronto Winter Fair. Miss Waddy is 18 years of age and Miss Stone, 16. The two girls were given a large community reception by the Alix residents on their return home.



**FAIR PAIR**—A pair of queens, back-to-back, lend their blonde beauty to Waikeiki Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii.



**A BUSY ROUND OF ROYAL DUTIES** and activities kept Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh busy almost up to the recent departure time on their six-month round-the-world commonwealth tour. Smiling happily at left, the Queen receives a salute from a London policeman on her arrival at the Royal Institute Gallery in Piccadilly to view an exhibition by portrait painters.



**EFFECTIVE**—A teddy bear, circled above, sways slightly in the breeze at a precarious position from the end of his rope, suspended from the roof of a Montreal church. His task—to keep away fluttering pigeons.



**MOUNTAINOUS WAVES**—Riding a record tide at Surfside, California, recently, slam through a gap in seaside homes after battering a concrete bulkhead and lifting one of the buildings from its foundation. As the pavement crumbles beneath tons of water, 11-year-old Charles Anderson, right, scrambles for cover.

## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## DISCOVERY

By Esther M. Douty

AS HE waited before the altar, Kent Farish hoped desperately that the wedding guests would consider his nervous perspiration only natural. Above the slow wedding music, his heart thudded in his ears. From the corner of his eye, he watched a small cloud of pink feathers floating on a wisp of veil above a well-molded but hard young face.

How dared she come! The little cat! And of all things, sitting right in front!

What would Marie think? She had worked so hard to have their wedding perfect.

He wet his lips and swallowed. "Take it easy," Clark, his best man, whispered.

Clark didn't know, of course. No one knew. How could he have become involved with Kay anyway? He turned so he could see her face.

That was a mistake. Kay was staring at him, her eyes bold. A meaning smile played about her lips. Her fingers toiled with the necklace he, like an idiot, had given her.

He jerked his head away, damning himself for a twice-made fool, one for taking up with Kay and again for not pressuring Marie into an elopement. She had done it, just as she said she would. She had hazened her way to the front where she could watch Kent vow to love and cherish Marie.

Would she really go through with her threat? He held his hands to his eyes to press away the black spots in front of them. Would she dare break up the ceremony by screaming accusations just as he and Marie were being pronounced man and wife?

There was a hush. Softly, the organ began the wedding march. Marie was entering with her father. She was lovely as a bride should be, her eyes soft and lustreous, her lips curving with happiness. He would always love her. If only he could forget Kay's mocking presence.

They knelt before the minister. Through the mistiness of her veil, he could see Marie's long eyelashes. He felt the soft pressure of her hand. She was reminding him of his responses.

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Then, blessedly, it was over. Marie was all radiance and smiles as she stepped gracefully down the aisle, her hand on his arm proudly possessive.

He couldn't keep from darting a guarded glance at Kay. She had a silly, almost weepy look.

Out in the fresh air, he rushed Marie into the waiting car. "Hurry! Hurry!" his brain dictated.

The car moved away from Marie's moist-eyed family, the guests. He saw Kay on the steps. Her jaw was squared, menacing.

The limousine rounded the driveway. Safe! Kent relaxed, suddenly exhausted and perspiring. Then his bride was in his arms.

"Sweetheart, loveiest," he murmured. He trembled as he kissed her.

Marie held him off fondly. "You foolish thing. I've never seen such a nervous bridegroom. But I'm glad you were, duckie. That showed Kay Landers how they really felt about things, all right."

Kent went rigid. "Kay?"

His bride laughed. "But of course, Love. I sent Kay Landers an invitation to our wedding. She came to see me last week—and had a lot to say. She swore she was coming to the wedding, no matter what, so I thought she might as well get a good look."

You know a woman always goes sentimental and weak at a wedding, even when the groom is her old boy friend.

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### Wedding Invitation Gets Manitoba Man's Wife Out Of China

NIPAWIN, Sask.—Frank Choy of Nipawin manoeuvred his mother out of Communist China by the simple device of sending her an invitation to attend his wedding.

Frank's father, Joe Choy, came to Canada 24 years ago, leaving his wife and son behind. Frank arrived here four years ago.

When the Communists took over China, Mrs. Choy, 63, owned a quarter-section of land in a village near Canton where she raised a small rice crop. Because she was a landlord, her land was taken from her and she was punished by being assigned to a road gang.

She worked a year before being released from pick and shovel detail, receiving no wages, clothes and the poorest of food. Mr. Choy sent her money from Nipawin at intervals.

Dedicated to the task of getting his wife out of China, Mr. Choy saw an opportunity when his son went to Hong Kong to marry a girl he met there in 1948, Yvonne Loui. Frank wrote to his mother asking her to attend the wedding and Mrs. Choy used it to get permission to leave Canton for three months. She never returned.

It took five months to get permission from the Canadian government to bring Mrs. Choy to Canada. The trip cost the family about \$6,000.

### AT DAUPHIN

#### Girls Should Be Given Chance In Sport Activities

DAUPHIN, Man.—Diversification of town sports activities with more consideration given to girls was called for at the regular meeting of town council here.

The sports director's time is being spent largely on hockey, baseball and football, all masculine athletics, and very little is being provided for the girls, it was claimed.

Need for extra help was stressed by councillors who said it was impossible for one man to look after all aspects of a complete athletic program.

### Queen Mother Attends Concert



Queen Mother Elizabeth, pictured as she arrives at Royal Festival Hall in London for the annual royal concert in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

### Fashions

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# Thank You Coleman . . .

With the completion of another year of publishing, your editor would like to express his thanks to each and every person who has contributed towards making The Journal possible. This help has been greatly appreciated.

Exactly twelve months ago the publisher of The Journal decided to change over from bi-monthly to weekly editions. We feel that some progress has been made during this period . . . regular weekly publication . . . the An-

niversary issue . . . and the launching of the Michel-Natal Spectator. These things could not have been done without your help.

However, we are on the threshold of another year with new problems, and we hope still greater improvement. Your editor and publisher have plans for The Journal and have paved the way to make room for necessary changes or additions. Whether or not this materializes, is up to you. A newspaper depends upon the community that it serves. We feel that Coleman people deserve a paper of their own, not share one with other communities, and it is with this in mind that we prepare each edition. At times we have been approached to publish a Pass paper, and have given it consideration, only to revert to our stand "A Coleman Paper for Coleman People".

During this twelve-month period we have become better acquainted with the people of Coleman and learned to understand their wishes and their problems a little better. It has been our aim to print only those items that will boost the town we serve; items that could be read aloud in the presence of mixed company. We will never sell papers by printing news that will mean the discomfort of any persons. We have made mistakes and have missed news . . . that is understandable, for we are neither omnipresent nor omniscient.

We trust that the next year will hold more security and more happiness for the people of Coleman, and extend our sincere good wishes for the holiday season.

## Faith And Love Triumph

According to the familiar old carol, St. Joseph was an old man. He probably was considerably older than Mary. But people may have thought of him as being older than he actually was because he enjoyed earnest conversation and the companionship of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasures.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the differences in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged, which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind; in his heart he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child.

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary, over the fireplace.

place to hang the stockings was "Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

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## Christmas Eve (William Wordsworth)

The minstrels played their Christmas tune  
Tonight beneath my cottage eaves;  
While, smitten by a lofty moon  
The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,  
Gave back a rich and dawning sheen  
That overpowered their natural green.  
Through hill and valley every breeze  
Had sunk to rest with folded wings.  
Keen was the air, but could not freeze,  
Nor check the murmur of the strings;  
So stout and hardy were the band  
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.  
And who but listened? till was paid  
Respect to every inmate's claim  
The greeting given, the music played  
In honor of each household name,  
Duly pronounced with lusty call,  
And "Merry Christmas" wished to all!

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts.



**Coleman Meat Market**

9-117



**Happy New Year**

May your New Year be filled with laughter that is joy, the mellowness of friendship and the satisfaction of accomplishment rewarded.

**Lethbridge Herald**

V. Decoux, Crows Nest Pass Bureau

9-110

**Christmas Cheer**

With holly, mistletoe and Holiday cheer, may your Christmas be a merry one, your joy complete.



**CHALMERS' JEWELLRY**

9-80

**Greetings**



May the Season's friendly cheer,  
Fill your heart with abounding joy  
To last throughout the coming New Year.

**COLEMAN HARDWARE AND FURNITURE CO.**

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**Season's Greetings**

In the spirit of the season we send you warm-hearted greetings and best wishes for a joyous Holiday.

**COLEMAN MOTORS**

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**Merry Christmas**



**RUDY'S SHOE STORE**

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May every hour of the New Year hold happiness, good health and prosperity for you.

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In ringing tones we send you our warmest wishes for a joyful and prosperous 1954.

**Jims Service**

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# Come to CHURCH on Christmas

**St. Alban's Church**  
Coleman, Alta.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**

At 11:00 p.m. there will be a Service of Hymn and Carol singing with a Christmas Message from the Rector, the Rev. Harry Moss. The public are cordially invited to attend.

At 11:30 p.m. the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist will begin.

During the singing of the Recessional Hymn those desirous of leaving will do so quietly or stay to reverently witness the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Anglican Church members and communicants will make their first Christmas Communion.

**CHRISTMAS DAY—**

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 27th.

St. John The Evangelist:

Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.  
Hymn and Carol Service with Sermon at 7:00 p.m.

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**COLEMAN CORPS**

Lieut. R. E. Van Schalk  
Lieut. A. Jarvie

11:00—Holiness Meeting.

2:30 — Directory Class.  
3:00 — Sunday school.  
7:30—Salvation Meeting—  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League.  
Wednesday, 4 p.m. Brownies.  
Thursday, 8 p.m., Mid-week mtg.  
Friday, 4 p.m.—Band of Love.

**EVERYBODY WELCOME**

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**

11 p.m. Xmas Eve—Communion Service

11 a.m. Xmas Day Service.

Sunday, 11 a.m.—Service.

Sunday, 12:15—Sunday school.

Monday, 4 p.m.—Senior Mission Band, Boys Tyro Group.

Tuesday, 4 p.m.—Explorers, 9-11 years

Wednesday, 4 p.m.—Jr. Mission Band.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer group

Thursday, 7 p.m.—C.O.I.T.

Saturday, 4 p.m.—Choir practice.

**GOD BLESS YOU**

**A Christmas Message**

From the Reverend Harry Moss D.C.M., Rector of the Anglican Churches in the Crow's Nest Pass.

Christmas is the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. The answer to all human need. The Gospel of good news that brought light into the darkness was not about a piece of holly or a jolly red-clad individual dispensing gifts.

It was about the living God and what He has done to identify Himself with men and women. Most sorely is that power needed. What is it that brings a curse on human life, that drags life down to the jungle level that breeds hate between man and man, nation and nation?

It is just man's own wickedness, his stubborn heart of sin, and unless some remedy can be found to deal with that, then goodbye to any hope of peace on earth, indeed to any life worth living. The whole drama of Christ, the

whole story from Bethlehem to Calvary is one which demands a verdict from the spectators. It is not something that can comfortably be ignored.

Anyone who is reasonable and honest has to make up his mind about Jesus Christ.

In Palestine when Herod was king and Pilate was governor, on a certain day and in one of the Bethlehem's stable yards, Jesus was born.

No wonder history began anew after that and men began to count time afresh, taking the wonderful birth as the new date line.

Once men grasped what God was doing, what the manger and stable really meant, no wonder they have never ceased to adore that blessed paradox. That He who was born, and grew, and learned, and worked, and wept, and died was none other than the Mighty God, the Lord of all creation, over all blessed forever. "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

I wish you all a holy and blessed Christmas.

**Ancient Church Bells Still Summon Village**

A pair of ancient church bells brought to Frankenhmouth, Mich., from Bavaria, shortly after Frankenhmouth, was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

**New Year In Bulgaria**

New Year's Day is a great day for Bulgarian children who receive their presents and small sums of money in return for the gifts they ceremoniously present.

Teen-agers go visiting and wishing neighbors a happy New Year and expect treats and refreshments. But unlike our "trick or treat" of Halloween, should the supply of goodies run short, the situation is accepted graciously.



Kananaskis Service Station



Coleman Branch of the Canadian Legion

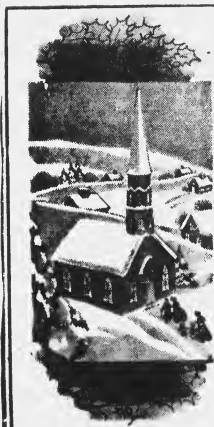


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## Season's Greetings . . .

### TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE CROWS NEST PASS



GREETINGS

The loyalty of our many friends gives to us added confidence and much promise for the future. We wish a joyful Christmas and Successful New Year to all.

The familiar Christmas Carols sing every year all the lovely songs rendered in Church, at home, and wherever free people are gathered . . . these things are Christmas

The traditions which young and old enjoy, the stockings at the fireplace, the christmas poem and the christmas story, the tree gleaming in the parlor, the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces . . . these things are Christmas.

The beautiful spirit of giving - giving not only presents, or money to the poor, but giving our love our willingness to help, our benevolence, our friendship to all . . . these things are Christmas



# COLEMAN COLLIERIES

# The Salvation Army Christmas Message

As on reads again the story of the Christ Child's Birth, one cannot help but wonder at the love of God to mankind. How many today look at the Christmas season as the Birthday of the World's Saviour? The season is rather a holy day than a Holy Day. A day for making merry and having a good time at the expense of those who would rather worship in the true meaning of

Christmas.

On every hand today we see men and women who have little or nothing; they are depressed and down-trodden. It might be said of many they have not where to lay their head. Many are rejected of their fellow-men to the extent that they are outcasts from fellowship. Many today profess the name of Christian, but when it comes to exemplifying Him from day to day they fall far short. The Spirit of the Christ Child is exchanged for the spirits of evil. These of which bring more mis-

ery to the world than does the kindly spirit of the Christ Child.

Christmas is not the same today because the Christ is left out of Christmas. Papers today are discussing the pros and cons of a commercialised Christmas. Many say the giving of gifts at this season shows how it is much better to give than to receive so is the case when such a gift is given in the spirit of meekness. Even in the writing of the Word of the season, men and women are content to leave Christ out of Christmas preferring to rather write XMAS — "X", Unknown Quantity — "X" Unknown Identity.

Is Christ an unknown personality today? Do people feel they can leave Him out of their lives and survive the storms of this world? To our sorrow it is realized that around us there are those that try to justify themselves by contradicting the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

May Christ be in the Christmas of each and every individual that realize that it was said by the angels on the Plains of Bethlehem on the day of the Birth of Infant Jesus "Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord". St. Luke 2:11.

At this time I first of all would like to thank The Coleman Journal for giving me this opportunity to bring this Christmas message. Then I would like to thank the citizens of the Crowe Nest Pass for the grand support they have given and are giving us to exemplify the Christ Child to those in need.

Lieut. R. E. Van Schaick.  
Lieut. A. R. Jarvie.

## A message From Father Sullivan

★ Again, as Christmas morning dawns, it is our blessed privilege to wish all the fullest measure of grace and blessings that flow from the Manger of Bethlehem. If the sentiments that fill our hearts could be set down in type then our greetings would indeed be a masterpiece of expression. On such an occasion as this one feels that words are halting things. But if we could write with the pen of an angel, what better could we wish you than that you always keep Christmas in your hearts. For if the Babe of Bethlehem holds you captive nothing else matters, even though the world totters into ruin.

When we think of Bethlehem we are overwhelmed at the thought of God's great love for us. We are at a loss to find what it is that God sees in us that He should exchange His Throne in

Heaven for a lowly manger in a bleak stable. We cannot but be conscious of how little we deserve the love of God and how much God deserves to be loved by men. Yet it is man that is careless about God, whom he needs so much, and it is God that over-reaches Himself, as it were, to win the love of man, whom He does not need at all. He loves us so much that he borrowed human form, disguised Himself in it, made Himself a brother to men that He might draw all hearts to Himself. He loves us even though His image is often-times obliterated in our sin-stained souls.

That is a truth that He has put beyond dispute, a truth that can never more be doubted in the light of the great mystery of Christmas. May His peace rest in you in time and eternity is our earnest and sincere Christmas wish.

DEAN L. SULLIVAN.

## The Legends Of Christmas

There are almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England it is believed that the bees expressed veneration for the nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.



**Merry Christmas**

**BRUNO'S SHOE STORE**



**Christmas Greetings**

May the true spirit of  
Christmas dwell in your home  
and in your heart throughout the year.

**White Rose Service Station Garage,**



**THE Season's Good Wishes**

May all the good cheer and joys of  
this happy holiday season stay with you and  
your dear ones throughout the coming year.

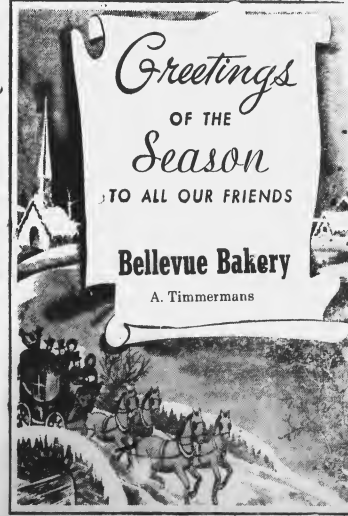
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## Santa Through The Years

★ It's little wonder that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American and Canadian people. History proves that we have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name a new face and figure, and new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a

bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look". The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous". Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalous", and finally it was corrupted to "Santa

Claus".

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York" wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem "The Visit From St. Nicholas", written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

## Abbreviation "Xmas" Is Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas, that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate, undignified to use the shortened form "Xmas".

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is "X" and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. "X" is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity they would place either a cross or an "X" beside the name of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

## New Year Was A Spring Affair In Egypt, Rome

New Year's was not always a mid-winter affair. Ancient Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly, in June. The Babylonians began their year in March, and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

In the old days Rumanian youths went from house to house singing and wishing everyone a prosperous New Year.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning a 'good howling crop'.

Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; members of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayerful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the ensuing year.

## ST. NICK'S SPIRIT

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A.D. and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

## Began Chinese New Year

New Year's was a 15-day affair in old China when festivities began on the First Day of the First Moon and climaxed on "Teng Chieh", the Feast of Lanterns.

After the family gatherings traditional to New Year's Day, exchanges of gifts and all sorts of entertainments were in order until "Teng Chieh".

Northern China commemorated "Teng Chieh" very simply.

## Safety Rules For The Holiday Season

★ It only takes a small amount of carelessness to turn the joyous Christmas holiday into a tragic event. The Christmas tree is the danger spot. There are a few simple precautions that will assure a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on the tree.

Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.

Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton.

Don't go away and leave your tree lighted.

Be very careful when smoking around Christmas package wrapping material.

Secure the tree by wires to the wall so that tiny tots will not be able to bump or pull it over.

## Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

★ Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed 400 years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night through and yearns for holy wisdom, that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child, remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucy day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star spangled horse-drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village squares and through city streets.

Parade participants depict alternate scenes from Sweden's picturesque Lapland and the Wild West of the United States, while musicians in multi-colored costumes alternate playing northern folk tunes and American jazz.

## Cedars of Lebanon Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean

the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoe-

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries on Christmas Eve guided his mare through the streets of Europe.


*Merry Christmas*

May all the joys of the season dwell in your heart and in your home on Christmas and throughout the year.



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*Silent night*

May the true spirit of the first Christmas shine brightly in your heart today and everyday.



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May all the good cheer and joys of this happy holiday season stay with you and your dear ones throughout the coming year.

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*Christmas Greetings*

May the true spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and in your heart throughout the year.

FRANK ABOUSSAFY



*Season's Greetings*

That this holiday season be the brightest and happiest ever is our heartfelt wish for all our friends and neighbors.

*Motordrome*



## Wainwright Enjoys Period Of Expansion

Stimulated by the proximity of Camp Wainwright, and in keeping with the progress that has been evidenced in other parts of the province, Wainwright has been enjoying a period of expansion which is at the same time both gratifying and reassuring.

Motivated by a growing spirit of community pride residents have made very substantial strides in not only increasing the number of residences, but also in improving and beautifying their properties.

The building boom entered its most energetic phase in 1931 when accommodation valued at \$224,000 was added with business construction reaching the figure of \$297,000.

Carrying on at accelerated pace the permits issued in 1932 provided for the building of residential property to the value of \$317,400 with new building and improvements to business premises amounting to \$85,600.

The current year has seen a continuation of the building enthusiasm with permits for residential property already over the \$201,000 mark and business (including the new school) amounting to \$120,000.

Population figures add further cause for satisfaction, indicating that the past 12 years has seen the population of Wainwright grow from less than 1,000 in 1921 to well over the 2,500 mark in 1933.—Wainwright Star-Chronicle.

### STITCH IN TIME

A tooth cavity, so small that only the dentist can discover it with his glass, may, in a year, become large enough to imperil the whole tooth. In a cavity's earliest stages, a filling is an easy and not too expensive job—later, if it has not been repaired, the whole tooth may have to be sacrificed and an artificial one substituted.

## Home Workshop



This storage unit provides a place for what a man wears except suits, hats and overcoats. The basic design is so flexible that it also may be made for a woman's clothing or for household linens by simply eliminating the tie racks and making wide trays on both sides. Also shelves may be substituted for the sliding trays if space is needed for magazines, records or toys. Large 3-dimensional drawings on the pattern show how to assemble the various parts for which a cutting list is provided. The sides of the trays are traced directly onto the wood. The price of the pattern is 35c prepaid, and your order will be mailed the day received.



This adjustable silk screen printing frame will enable you to decorate articles which you make in your home workshop for gifts or to sell. You can produce numberless prints on a variety of stock such as wood, paper, cardboard, glass, textiles and leather. It is the ideal method for printing signs and showcards. The pattern illustrates exactly how to make the frame with the various parts shown separately and assembled into the working unit. For those who are not familiar with this subject the basic principles of silk screen printing are detailed on the pattern; selecting the materials, making the stencils through the printing stage to the drying racks. Price of the pattern is 35c. For first class mail include 2c extra and 5c for air mail.

Home Workshop Pattern Service, Prairie Publishers Limited, 4433 West Fifth Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Drive With Care!

## Funny and Otherwise

"It's got to where one word rings like an anvil in my ears," the vinegar-faced man told his friend. "Work, work, work! It's all I hear about at home, day and night, week after week. I'm tired of it—tired of the thought and the word—work!"

"How long have you been on this job?" a sympathetic friend inquired.

"I start tomorrow," was the gloomy reply.

A woman decided to have the shape of her nose changed. So she called on a beauty surgeon.

"How much will you charge to alter the shape of my nose?" she asked.

"Five hundred dollars," madam.

"Expensive!" she exclaimed. "Isn't there something less expensive?"

"Well," replied the surgeon, "you could try walking into a lamp-post."

Impatient customer—"I only get an hour for lunch, miss."

Waitress (as she hurried by)—"I can't discuss labor problems with you now."

Johnny had given the rather surprising information that December, January and February were the harvest months.

"Who told you that?" asked his teacher.

"My father, miss," replied Johnny. "He's a plumber."

A lion was out walking and decided to ask the other animals who was king.

"After going round most of the animals, all of whom said, 'You are king, O lion,' he came to the elephant and asked, 'Elephant, who is king?'"

The elephant picked up the lion in his trunk and smashed him to the ground. The lion, getting up and walking away, said, "All right, there's no need to get mad because I don't know the answer."

The case before the Bench was a wife's application for a separation order.

"Oh, sir," she pleaded, "he broke every dish in the house over my head and treated me cruelly."

"Did he apologize or express regret for his actions at the time?" asked the magistrate.

"No sir. The ambulance took him away before he could speak to me."

A class of would-be Army officers were going through a general knowledge test.

"Now," said the instructor, "imagine you have a sergeant and 14 men of the R.E. How would you set about re-erecting a 10-ft. pole blown down in a gale?"

The cadets got busy drawing diagrams and making calculations, with one exception. He wrote a few words only, then sat back. The instructor picked up the sheet of paper.

"It was the brief comment: 'Tell the sergeant to carry on.'"

A bus-conductor had been told of several times for the noise he made coming home after late duty. "I wish you'd try to be more careful," his wife said to him. "You wake the baby every time you come in."

He promised to do his best. After the next spell of late duty he opened the front door without a sound, crept upstairs without a single creak and reached the top landing safely. Then he asserted himself. In a stentorian voice he belted: "All fares ready, please!"

A farmer took his small son to market. A prospective buyer was examining some cattle, and Johnny inquired:

"Why's that man pinching those bullocks, Dad?"

"He's thinking about buying them, son, and he's making sure they're good, sound meat," replied his father.

The following day the farmer was busy in his yard when Johnny came tearing towards him, yelling at the top of his voice: "Dad come quickly!"

The postman's going to buy the cook!"

A dour Scot who was a believer in the economy of words was sent to darkest Africa in charge of a party of oil prospectors.

Several weeks later the head office received a cable from him which read: "Send six men to replace those eaten by lions yesterday."

In great alarm head office sent back a cable requesting full details of the accident.

Back came the Scot's reply: "No accident. Lions did it on purpose."



A NEIGHBORLY ACT—Good neighbors of George Ferguson of Vegreville district are shown above relaxing during lunch period when a tilling bee was held at his farm recently. George was ill in the hospital for a time this fall and his neighbors got together and completed his fall tilling for him. Twenty-two tractors and twenty-six men took part in the neighborly gesture.

## Mounting Weed Control Problems Outlined At Municipal Convention

Weeds are estimated to inflict losses amounting to \$50 millions annually upon Manitoba farmers. H. E. Wood, chairman of the Manitoba Weed Control Board stated at a meeting of the Union of Municipalities held recently in Winnipeg.

They gained foothold in days when farming was being pioneered in the province, he said. The problem has been growing progressively worse, he added, except for

some indications of improvement in the last few years.

Damage is caused in four main ways, Mr. Wood indicated. Dockage loss amounted to 3% of the crop marketed in 1931-32, he reported. In terms of money, dockage alone cost Manitoba farmers more than \$5 million.

Competition of weeds is another important factor. "Sometimes," the speaker stated, "a field or farm may be so badly infested as to be abandoned."

Weeds rob the soil of both moisture and plant nutrients, resulting in marked lowering of yields. Higher operating costs can also be chalked up against the additional tillage required to control weeds.

Control problems, Mr. Wood pointed out, are complicated by three important factors: first, weeds are endowed with unique methods of survival; secondly, mechanized grain farming favors spread of weeds; and thirdly, our soil and climate generally are to the liking of many noxious weeds.

Mechanization and chemicals have brought about great changes to the whole approach to weed control in the past 10 years. With better tillage implements and ample power, he said, farmers are now equipped to carry on a thorough and timely offensive against weeds. Chemicals, used increasingly in Manitoba since 1931, have greatly aided in bringing

Leaky Spurge and similar weeds under control.

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### YOUNGSTERS' RINK

TRAIL, B.C.—A hockey rink for children being constructed here will be just like the big rink, except the ice surface is smaller.

The ice will measure 147 by 79 feet, and walkways around it will accommodate several hundred spectators.

### GOOD OATS FIELD

PBROACH, Alta. D. N. Roddick, district farmer, had a six-acre field of oats which produced 103 bushels to the acre in the 1933 crop season.

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## Plenty Of Gas In British Columbia

British Columbia's northern Peace River district has enough natural gas to supply all possible markets in the northwestern United States as well as in Canada according to the Social Credit Premier W. A. C. Bennett.

The west coast province's premier issued a statement November 19 in the hope of influencing a decision by the U.S. Federal Power Commission and "to spike pro-secessionist rumors which have been circulating across the country in regard to the natural gas pipeline."

Mr. Bennett was referring to the proposed West Coast Transmission Company, natural gas pipeline which would extend from north of Edmonton to Vancouver and would be fed partly by a feeder line running south from Dawson Creek.

The company is awaiting a decision on its application for permission to pipe gas into the Pacific Northwest states.

According to Mr. Bennett, latest figures show B.C. has 2.2 trillion cubic feet of proven gas reserves, compared to 1.5 trillion cubic feet in Alberta.

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1. Chop Suey Loaf

Knead 1 1/2 cups well-drained cut-up mushrooms, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 1/2 cup corn syrup and 1 cup lightly-purged brown sugar. Spread about 1/2 inch square cake pan; sprinkle with 1/2 cup pecan halves. Roll out one portion of dough on lightly-floured board into a 9-inch square. Spread

2. Butterscotch Fruit Buns

Cream together 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind, 1/2 cup corn syrup and 1 cup lightly-purged brown sugar. Spread about 1/2 inch square cake pan; sprinkle with 1/2 cup pecan halves. Roll out one portion of dough on lightly-floured board into a 9-inch square. Spread

3. Frosted Fruit Buns

Roll out one portion of dough into 18 equal-sized pieces. Shape each piece into a smooth round ball. Place, well apart, on a greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle tops. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°, about 15 minutes. Immediately after baking, spread buns with a frosting made by combining 1 cup unsifted icing sugar, 2 teaspoons milk and a few drops almond extract.



# The Sports Clinic

(An official department of Sports College)  
Conducted by Lloyd "Ace" Percival

## Ideal Scoring Position

The best spot from which to shoot on goal is between 10 and 25 feet out and directly in front of the net. As the age limit gets lower the ideal distance decreases. The principle behind this statement is that the ideal time to shoot is when you are far enough away from the goalkeeper to prevent him from cutting off your target area by moving in to the puck but close enough to give him the minimum amount of time to make his move once you shoot.

The ideal distance changes according to how far the goalkeeper plays out in front of his net, his size and his amount of forward glide into your shot. Some net

minders, for example, stand just about 10 feet in front of the goal line and stay there. Others stand at the edge of the goal crease and then move forward as the shot is made. This means you can move in closer on the goalkeeper who keeps close to his goal.

The harder a player shoots, the farther away he can shoot with effect because it cuts down on the time the goalkeeper has to make his move to block the shot. To improve your goal scoring average and that of your team, go to work and get the habit of getting into the ideal position before you shoot. If you are not able to get into a good position, look around for a team mate who may be uncovered in such a position. If you cannot see anyone and cannot maneuver into position, shoot low at the goalkeeper's feet and go in for the rebound. The average player does not fight hard enough to get into position and is too easily forced into shooting from a bad angle.

The moment a player gets that puck and has a chance to score, his first thought should be to get into position. Once he has done this the odds are beginning to swing in his side against the goalkeeper.

**"Stop and Go"**  
A good drill to teach your basketball team to shoot quickly and get started quickly is the "stop and go". The players are lined up in a line at one end of a gym. At a command they break quickly. At a further command they must stop dead. At another command they start all over. The commands to break or stop should be given every few yards. The players go down the floor this way and then come back, down the drill backward. To add variety the players can be given a ball and made to dribble as they go back.

## WEEKLY BIBLE COMMENT

### JESUS CHRIST CAME INTO OUR WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief," wrote Paul to Timothy in 1 Timothy.

When Paul called himself the chief of sinners he was probably remembering his days as a persecutor, holding the garments of those who stoned Stephen to death and breathing out threatening and slaughter against those of the new-found faith.

No such dark blot of violence may be upon us. But if we say we have no sin, as John reminds us, the truth is not in us.

So Jesus came into the world to save us, and He died for us. In what spirit, then, do we approach those last sad scenes in the life of our Lord, His death and burial? Are they to us only tragic events in a far-off past?

All that is well, but it is not enough. Are we mere observers, or are we participants. A Negro spiritual we've painted toward Calvary, was crucified, buried and rose again were so real to the Apostles that he wrote:

"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loveth me."

That is the perfection of faith and of Christian experiences, to which, possibly, few of us attain. We are so content to follow the Master afar off, but too often we lack the courage of the faith that we profess.

### DECODED INTELLIGRAM

1—Armenia. 2—Eastern. 3—Do not. 4—1918. 5—Buchanan. 6—National. 7—Musical instrument. 8—Arizona. 9—5th 10—Politician.

## On The Side • By E. V. Durling

Efficiency is a wonderful thing. I am for it in most cases. However, I cannot forget that it is efficiency experts who are the cause of the huns being sliced thinner in restaurant sandwiches. They also have brought about the cutting of the average-size pie into eight pieces instead of four. Efficiency men are responsible for low ceilings in modern apartments. They persuaded the builders that, by making the ceilings lower, more apartments could be put in a building. Efficiency men, or perhaps efficiency women, in the hotel housekeeping field, are responsible for guests being provided with only one pillow instead of two and with less towels. This to save laundry bills.

### Rare Phobias

Has your daughter any phobias? Not androphobia, I hope. That is a fear of men. Jane Russell recently admitted she is a sufferer from androphobia. Just a mild case though. She does not suffer in the presence of one man. But when near three men, she gets nervous. . . . A Hollander, Bernard Von Bonnell, recently won the pipe-smoking championship of Europe. Kept a pipeful of tobacco (2½ grams) going for 90 minutes. Incidentally, not long ago they had a cigar-smoking competition in California and a woman won it.

### The Game's the Thing

The world's greatest gamblers are the British. They will gamble on anything. They have fishing contests with bookies on hand. These bookies offer prices on the contestants. An angler can get from 200 to 400 to 1 he will not win a certain type of competition. In this, 1,000 fisherman take part. The angler catching the most weight in fish in five hours is the winner. How would you like to get 400 to 1 on your chances in a contest like that?

### No More, No Less

How many dresses has your wife? You probably don't know. What husband does? Anyway, a married woman should have 20 dresses, no more, no less. Such is the claim of Dr. Stiefelmecht, the eminent Swiss sociologist and expert on the subject of life among the married. If a woman has less than 20 dresses, says the good doctor, it indicates her husband does not think she is attractive enough to be permitted to spend any great amount of money on clothes. If she has more than 20 dresses, she begins to get big ideas as to her standing as a best-dressed woman. She wants more than 20 dresses, and if she doesn't get them, she will grow discontented and moody.

### Definition of a Goof

A reader asks: What is the difference between a "goof" and a "goop"? All I know is that a goof is a fellow who puts cigarette butts in saucers, passes on the right with his car without blowing his horn, pushes a revolving door so hard that it hits the person in the front in the back, and who often refers to his wife as "the ball and chain." Perhaps a goop is the same type. 3067

## APPETIZING RECIPES



Package home-made whole spiced oranges individually in small jars, then combine two jars in a small cracker basket that has been dressed up with holiday ribbon.

### Spiced Oranges

Four peeled oranges, salt solution, 2 cups vinegar, 4 cups sugar, 1 cup corn syrup, 2 cups water, 40 whole cloves, 4 pieces of stick cinnamon, 2 inches long, raisins. Cut a hole about a half-inch diameter, from the stem end of each orange and remove the white membrane from the centre. Soak oranges overnight in a large kettle filled with a salt solution (use 2 teaspoons salt to each 4 cups of water). Drain. Fill kettle with fresh water, cover tightly and bring to a boil. Cook at gentle boiling point until oranges are tender (about 45 minutes). Drain. Combine vinegar, sugar, corn syrup, water, whole cloves and stick cinnamon in a saucepan.

Simmer for 5 minutes. Pour hot syrup over cooked oranges and bring to a boil. Drain syrup into

a cup or bowl and allow to cool. Pour cooled syrup over oranges, bring to a boil and drain again. Once more cover oranges with cooled syrup and bring to a boil. After draining syrup for the third time, stuff each orange with raisins, dates or nuts. Pour cooled syrup over stuffed oranges and once more bring to a boil. Place stuffed oranges into sterilized jars, fill with boiling syrup and seal.

There are few expressions of friendliness more gracious than giving neighbors with homemade cake during the holiday season. Here's a recipe for a Christmas Coffee cake which will pack and carry easily. It features cranberries, the traditional fruit of the holiday season, in a rich bran yeast dough. The cake requires 30 minutes baking and is best if frosted with a sugar icing while still warm.

## Kitchen Meditations

By JANE DALE

### THE MAGIC WAND

Love is the magic which makes four walls a home. Love directs the feet when loved ones yearn to roam. It is the coin which pays for endless care. And is the one gift accepted anywhere.

Thus, lonely hearts, give love. Love will return. To bless you with and make the heart's fires burn. Only in giving will love begin to grow. Love is life's magic wand—you will find it so!

Births exceeded deaths in Canada by nearly 208,000 from January to September this year, according to the preliminary summary of registrations.

### Ticklers



"Ah—here we are! I'm sure this young man will speak to us on the art of relaxation!"

### VIRGIL



### PRISCILLA'S POP—Perils of Fatherhood



## Community Pastures Thrive In Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Fifty-seven community pastures are operated under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The pastures range in size from roughly 10,000 to 155,000 acres and altogether 1,650,020 acres of reclaimed abandoned farm land and overgrazed pasture land, have been enclosed.

Carrying capacity of the pastures has been more than doubled since the inception of the community pasture program, by use of controlled grazing and pasture improvement practices. Summer grazing is now provided on these pastures for over 90,000 head of cattle and 3,000 horses, owned by over 6,000 livestock raisers.

Pasturage is allocated by the local community pasture committees on the basis of need. First preference is given to farmers who were moved and resettled from the pasture areas.

A breeding service is provided in the community pastures to assist the small farmer in improv-

ing his livestock, and vaccination, spraying, dehorning, and other miscellaneous services, are provided at cost by P.F.R.A., to ensure the health of the animals.

Grazing fees, on a monthly basis, are: cattle, 75 cents per head; horses, \$1; sheep, 7 cents. Cows, breeding service, \$3, and for colts born on pasture, a flat rate of \$3 for the season and for calves born on pasture, \$2.

Pastures are fenced to give control of the grazing and sufficient watering facilities are provided to permit maximum use of the grass resources available.

The community pasture program is more than self-sustaining. Since it was initiated in 1938, operating costs have totalled \$2,042,000, up to March 31, 1953. Revenues, mostly from grazing fees, have amounted to \$2,477,000, or \$435,000 more than the operating costs.

### Drive With Care!

## Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

Check correct word.

1. Mt. Ararat is in (Armenia) (Israel).
2. The Indian Ocean is in the (Eastern) (Western) hemisphere.
3. Fleas (do) (do not) have wings.
4. Scheduled air mail service was established in the U.S. in (1918) (1936).
5. (Buchanan) (Polk) was the only bachelor President of the U.S.
6. The (American) (National) League won baseball's 1950 All-Star game.
7. A clarinet is a (musical instrument) (fish).
8. (Arizona) (Nevada) is called the Sunset State.
9. James Monroe was the (5th) (7th) U.S. President.
10. James Byrnes is a (stage star) (politician).

Check your answers, scoring yourself 10 points for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.

Answers to be found in another column on this page.

## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

### Olympic Winner

### HORIZONTAL 37 Trustee

1 Pictured 1948 39 Long seat

2 Olympic 60 Exit

3 champion 61 Gretchen

4 TShe is 62 Nevada city

5 individual 3 Thoroughfare

6 champion 4 Symbol for

7 Olympic 5 Releum

8 history 5 Age

9 Venerate 6 Pause

10 Dystuff 7 Dispatched

11 Land parcel 8 Wile

12 Compass point 9 Wile

13 Rate of climb 10 Steamships

14 Born 11 Heavy blow

15 Encounter 12 Canvas shelter

16 Symbol for 13 cerium

17 Bold 42 Small flaps

18 Rubber tree 24 Armed conflict

19 Laze blood 25 Property item

20 Answer (ab.) 30 An (Scot.)

21 TShe is 31 TShe is

22 Street (ab.) 32 Preposition

23 Bookcase 33 Harmonized

24 Answer (ab.) 34 Before

25 Civil wrong 41 Horse's gait

26 Brother of 42 Jacob (Bib.)

27 Answer (ab.) 43 Son of Chaos

28 Son of Chaos 44 (myth)

29 Transposes 45 She is a

30 She is a

18 Half-em 43 Shield bearing  
19 Substance 44 Woody plant  
20 Grazing land 45 Musical note  
21 Redacts 46 Siberian river  
22 Disused 47 Pipe  
23 Balance (ab.) 48 Way god  
24 Meadow 50 Employ  
25 Summer (Fr.) 52 Dutch city  
26 Fox 53 Droop  
27 Vegetable 56 Symbol for  
28 Cudite 57 million  
29 Small flaps 58 Irish (ab.)

By Len Kleis

By Al Vermees

### A.B.C. Hockey League Schedule For 1953-1954

Starting times of games:  
1) December 26—2:30 p.m.  
2) All Coleman and Bellevue games start at 8:30 p.m.  
3) All Kimberley, Cranbrook, Fernie and Michel-Natal games to have 8:00 p.m. face-offs.  
This schedule is a tentative schedule, so if any changes are

desired please write to Dave Flint, the A.B.C. Hockey League secretary by a dead-line date December 31, 1953.

Ray Spillers,  
Ted Kryzka,  
Schedule Committee.

#### PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

December—

26—Kimberley at Cranbrook.

January—

2—Bellevue at Kimberley.

2—Michel-Natal at Cranbrook.

7—Bellevue at Coleman.  
9—Coleman at Kimberley.  
9—Cranbrook at Michel-Natal.  
12—Michel-Natal at Bellevue.  
13—Coleman at Fernie.  
16—Bellevue at Fernie.  
16—Cranbrook at Coleman.  
16—Kimberley at Michel-Natal.  
19—Coleman at Bellevue.  
20—Fernie at Michel-Natal.  
23—Fernie at Coleman.  
27—Cranbrook at Fernie.  
27—Michel-Natal at Coleman.  
30—Coleman at Michel-Natal.  
30—Fernie at Kimberley.  
30—Cranbrook at Bellevue.

February—

3—Bellevue at Michel-Natal.  
6—Coleman at Cranbrook.  
6—Michel-Natal at Kimberley.  
10—Cranbrook at Kimberley.  
10—Fernie at Bellevue.  
13—Fernie at Cranbrook.  
13—Bellevue at Coleman.  
17—Michel-Natal at Fernie.  
20—Bellevue at Cranbrook.  
20—Kimberley at Fernie.  
27—Kimberley at Bellevue.

The basis of Christmas love is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, love that "suffereth long and is kind."

### Can. Legion L. A. Prepare Parcels

The executive of the Ladies' Auxiliary Canadian Legion branch 9, Coleman, met at the home of Mrs. J. Richards of Coleman, to make up parcels for the boys serving overseas and in Canada.

Fifteen parcels in all were made up. Each parcel contained socks, laces, hankies, toothbrush, tooth paste, razor blades, playing cards, chocolate bars, gum, sugar, tea, Oxo cubes, shoe polish and a pound of Christmas cake.

Following the packing of the parcels our hostess served a very dainty lunch.

### Jehovah's Witnesses Win Supreme Court Ruling

(Contributed)

Groups of Jehovah's Witnesses of the Coleman congregation have been engaged for the past week in a special distribution of the story of the Supreme Court decision rendered on October 6, 1953, in the province of Quebec, touching on religious freedom. The Coleman Witnesses have engaged in this distribution along with their brothers all over Canada and have placed some 440 accounts of the case with public-spirited persons in this district.

The Witnesses have prepared a full report of the entire case, going into every detail, even quoting the lawyers and judges. They have published this in a special issue of the November 22 Awake magazine. Some 500,000 extra copies of this magazine have been printed, and the Witnesses have carried it into every city and town over the Dominion, in a nationwide campaign to circulate this report.

Since the City of Quebec passed a censorship by-law in October, 1953, "forbidding anyone to distribute in the streets of Quebec any book, pamphlet, circular or tract whatever, without having previously obtained for so doing the written permission of the Chief of Police", the history of the Jehovah's Witnesses in that province has been one court trial followed by other court trials.

Their recent victory in the Supreme Court, in the case of "Saurmur City of Quebec and the Attorney General of Quebec" (arising out of this unjust by-law) has not only affected the 800 Witnesses on trial in that province, but every religious organization; in fact every newspaper, and every political party in Canada.

The Witnesses feel that in carrying this report to every home in the Dominion, the people will be given the opportunity to read for themselves the eye witness accounts of the great battle for freedom of worship in Canada, and the victory obtained; which not only affects the Witnesses, but indeed every citizen of this nation.

H. R. LAMB.

### Fashion Fantasy

Raising the curtain on this season's fashion parade we note that there is an entirely new trend in women's clothes. The dresses and suits accent a tailored, slim look in soft conservative greys, winter whites and turquoise shades, fur pieces being the latest in trimmings. Black for dressier suits, short evening dresses, and the afternoon tea dress is prominent this year after a few years' absence.

The new materials such as orlon and nylon, also the all-wool flannels and ever-popular tweeds are smartly styled in this season's latest box suits with straight cut skirts. These are set off by soft all wool sweaters with fluffy angora collars.

When latest fashions are mentioned the skirt and stole outfit comes to the mind of all style-conscious women. These come not only in the smart tailored look but there are the glamorous and sophisticated ones for evening wear.

No doubt you have heard of Dior, the French designer who is being talked about so much because of his prediction of shorter skirts. Regardless of the opposing remarks of American and Canadian designers, he is continuing to create them and we do not doubt that the hemlines will go up, heedless of the loud objections at present.

To add a finishing touch to this season's new styles, we find the hat designers adapting the new pixie shape and cloche style which go very well with the short hair bobs.

Delina Celli and Helen Makowichuk.



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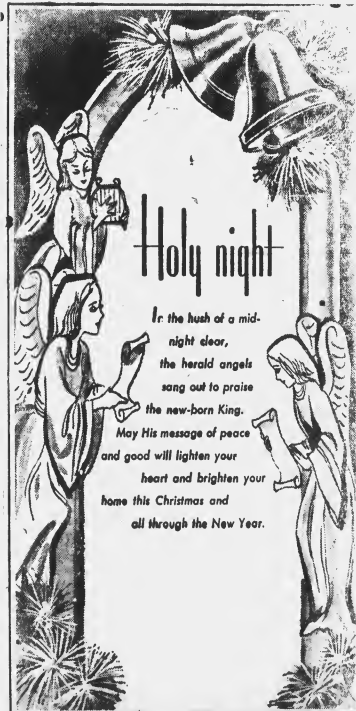


It is our pleasure  
once again to say Merry Christmas  
to all our friends and neighbors.

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF

# The Town of Coleman

AND THE

## COLEMAN LIGHT and WATER CO.

## A message From St. Pauls United

Once again through the medium of The Coleman Journal, we of St. Pauls United Church are happy to be able to convey our Christmas greetings to all residents of this community and Pass area, whatever their faith.

As our thoughts turn to this Yuletide celebration may we not be so overwhelmed with material "musts" and over-anxious that no detail of the Christmas feast, the gift giving, or the beautiful decorations be forgotten, that the GREATEST gift of all, "Our Life in Him", is almost overlooked.

The result is that Christmas means fatigue, exhaustion, a kind of world weariness that makes for self-pity.

Christmas is more than remembering the Birth of a Blessed Babe, who came to Bless the earth 2000 years ago. —Only as we think of Christ's entire "Life" — "His Birth" — "His Deeds" — "His Being" — "His Crucifixion" and "Resurrection", and only as these "truths" grip our consciousness, can we TRULY commemorate His incarnation.

May His Holy Presence so fill each one of our hearts, that this Christmas season may be a time of new commitments and re-dedications to Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and so walk the "High-way" of life with Him.

Only as you walk in daily fellowship with "Him" can you know real peace, joy and purpose in your life. As you commit your life to "Him" you become a part of the greatest fellowship on earth—the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we too look to the New Year of 1954, may we remember the words of His Majesty the King in one of his Christmas broadcasts to the world:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year—  
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'.  
'And he replied:  
'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way'."

May God's Peace and Blessings be with each one of you and your loved ones, not only this Christmas season but always.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Harburt,  
St. Pauls United Church,  
Coleman, Alberta.

## LEGION NOTES

Your correspondent, together with the President and Officers of the Club wish all Comrades, Members, Friends, Ladies' Auxiliary and their Families a real

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
and to all the community our best wishes for a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and BRIGHTER NEW YEAR.**

To our Comrades in the Pass, Members of the Legion, to our younger Comrades serving in Canada or overseas, we send **CORDIAL GREETINGS** and wish them the **UTMOST BEST.**

Your editor and publisher regrets that invitation to attend the annual banquet did not arrive at this office until Saturday morning. We will endeavour to give a complete report of this function in the next issue.

## Letter To The Editor

Edmonton, Alta.,  
Dec. 4, 1953

The Editor,  
The Coleman Journal,  
Coleman, Alta.

Sir:  
Help for the handicapped is coming increasingly to the forefront in the thinking of people, the Press and governments.

This is altogether fitting and proper. The Alberta Tuberculosis Association has been practising it for many years through our rehabilitation division, which has given new life and hope to hundreds of ex-san patients and their families. We have been preaching it too, sowing seeds of thought and inspiration on ground which at first appeared barren, but which has proved to be fertile, to our great joy.

We feel impelled at this time to let the people of Alberta know that a portion of their Christmas Seal contributions has been used year after year for a good many years to foster and promote the idea of providing rehabilitation services not only for the tubercu-

lous but for all handicapped persons, that we now feel a just pride in accomplishment; that we are now beginning to see the fruition of our dream of help for all handicapped persons; that government has recognized the right of people with handicaps to a decent, self-supporting and self-respecting existence.

Many organizations have worked with us on this project; the federal government has brought into being a national advisory council for rehabilitation of the handicapped, and is negotiating improved and comprehensive agreements with the provincial governments for help to all who need it. A number of voluntary health and welfare organizations co-operated in the formation of this advisory council. What once appeared almost hopeless is now close to being a reality.

Christmas Seal dollars do indeed go a long way. They help to prevent TB through education; they help to find TB in early, curable stages; they provide nursing and welfare services where they are sorely needed; and now here is another achievement—help for all handicapped—in which Christmas Seals have played a major part.

Mr. Editor, the readers of The Coleman Journal have a right to know of the things accomplished through their Christmas Seal contributions, so we have written this letter in the hope that you will find room for it among your "Letters to the Editor". Thank you for this space, and also for the co-operation we have always received from The Coleman Journal.

Yours very truly,  
Alberta Tuberculosis Assn.  
R. Robert Dickey,  
General Secretary.

## The Greatest Gift

Those who give themselves grow richer.

The kindly word, the spontaneous smile, the thoughtful deed—those are outward expressions of the goodness inside the hearts and minds of men.

Those of us in the newspaper business must record the little things that make news day by day. Often we wish there were less of pettiness in the world and more of the spirit of Christmas scattered throughout the year. But the day that marks the birth of Jesus brings with it a rebirth of faith and hope and a realization that deep down inside each person there are Christ-like qualities of unselfishness, loyalty and devotion to the highest principles of God and man. It is those qualities which make Christmas the most joyous season of all.

Truly there is a "Joy to the world" in abundant evidence of self-giving, of hands clasped in friendship, of hearty good wishes. How insignificant are the little troublesome things of the world in the light of the Christmas spirit that pervades the world!

And so we again join in the gladness of the season to wish to all our friends and subscribers

## Post-Holiday Rites

In 1937, a Waukegan, Ill., minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserve better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areas.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observance: committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols.

And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas trees are dispatched to some fir Vainalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.

## Rosemary For Remembrance

The rosemary shrub, symbol of fidelity and constancy was once supposed to possess many occult virtues Hamlet's Ophelia said, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." The fact that Rosemary blooms at Christmas has introduced it into celebration of this feast.

Rosemary, according to one legend, opened to hide the Virgin Mary and her Child from the soldiers of Herod, a legend shared with the juniper and other trees.

Another legend says that during the flight to Egypt, Mary threw her blue cloak over a bush of rosemary when she lay down to rest.

Ever since in her honor, the flowers have been the heavenly blue of the mantle.

Frankenmouth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transients given a night's lodging.

The basis of Christmas love is love loving its enemies, ~~forgetting~~ good for evil, love that "suffereth long and is kind."

The Journal has Model 5 Remington Rand portables in stock and students who plan on purchasing their own machines to aid in their typing classes can secure one of these beautiful machines without a moment's delay.

## FOR THAT CHRISTMAS TREAT Baby Bunting Nuts

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## Seasons Greetings To All

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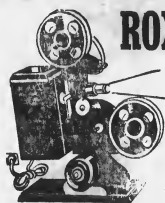


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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

And A Thanks To All Our Customers

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**A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year**

**J. Allan and Staff**

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. G. S. Horn of Willow Drive, is a patient in the C.N.P. Hospital.

Miss Mary Truch of Calgary, is visiting with her parents here.

Mrs. W. Dutil is a patient in the C. N. P. Hospital.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. A. Easton, now residing in Vancouver. They report being in the best of health and enjoying life in their new surroundings.

Melvin Horn has returned to Coleman after spending a few weeks in Spokane, Wash.

Fred Krish of Calgary, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Krish.

Miss Clem Celli has returned to her home, having attended Mount Royal College in Calgary.

Miss Laura Owen of Calgary, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Peter Allen and Bill Kerr of the University of Alberta are holidaying with their parents.

Miss Dolores McLean of Edmonton, is holidaying with her mother here.

Miss Lenore Dutil of Edmonton, is spending Christmas with her parents.

Joe Kryczka of Calgary, is spending two weeks holidays with his parents.

Among those home for the holiday are Bill Plante of Calgary, and Walter Roper, also of Calgary.

Mrs. A. Montalbetti and son, of Banff, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gentile.

Mrs. Agnes Ryan left this week for a month's holiday in Vancouver.

Miss Louise Aboussafy is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aboussafy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hammer and son, of Cochrane, visited relatives and friends in Coleman and Blairmore.

Miss K. Liesemer and Miss Frances Graham of Edmonton, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Bob Park, attending University at Norman, Oklahoma, is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gedjos of Calgary, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. K. Gedjos.

Mrs. A. E. Muspratt left last week for her home in Millbrook, Ont., after a two-month visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Muspratt.

Those home from Calgary for the holiday season included Mary Teresku, Norma Toppiano, Gordon Joseph, Hector DeCocco, Tommy Hazuka and Gino Rizzo.

Mr. and Mrs. Linsard and Miss Marion Lingard of Prince Albert, Sask., are spending the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Linsard.

Mr. Seth Raymond, of Vancouver, is spending the holidays with his family here, and with his grandson Cp. R. T. McDonald, who has just returned from overseas.

Members of Victoria Rebekah Lodge held their annual Christmas tree on Tuesday, December 15. Mrs. J. Kerr favored with piano selections of Christmas music and lunch was served. Mrs. M. E. Cornett, in her usual jovial manner, acted as Santa Claus, distributing the gifts.

A very dainty handkerchief shower was held on Friday afternoon, December 11 at the home of Mrs. MacKinnon, in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Dickleson. An enjoyable afternoon was spent and a dainty lunch served by the hostess. Mrs. Dickleson and family will leave shortly to join Mr. Dickleson in Calgary.

Lor Richards returned Sunday from a couple of months in Ottawa with the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Mrs. W. Hopkins has returned from a holiday spent with her son and daughter-in-law at the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Shields of Cranbrook visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Gates and Mr. and Mrs. J. Shields.

Mr. and Mrs. L. McLafferty and family and Miss Norma Shields, of Calgary, visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Shields.

The Pythian Sisters held their annual Xmas tree on Wed. Dec. 16 in the I.O.O.F. Hall. A special treat for the children the form of ice cream and soft drinks, following which Santa presented each child with a Xmas card, fifty cents, a basket of candy and balloons. The children joined in singing "Jingle Bells" and "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

Among those home for Xmas are— Alex Cornett, Eugenia Stelmahovich, Gordon Joseph and Grace Lukacik all of Calgary; Stanley Saloff and John Nowasod of Vancouver; Frank Oliva and Elsie Sikora, of Edmonton; and Elaine McLean of Granum.

We regret that due to moving publication ahead for Xmas last minute news had to be omitted. West Coleman School Xmas Concert and the Canadian Legion Banquet will appear in our next issue.

On Friday Dec. 18 the Past Chiefs Club of the Pythian Sisters held their Xmas party at the home of Mrs. J. Derbyshire. Whist was played, honours going to Mrs. Stewart, of Blairmore, and Mrs. S. Penny and Mrs. B. Hopkins. A delicious banquet was served by the hostess, the table tastefully decorated in the Xmas motif. Xmas gifts were exchanged by the members. The officers nominated for 1954 are: Mrs. S. Penny, president; Mrs. B. Hopkins, vice president; Mrs. Margaret Johnson Secretary Treas.

The St. Alban's Ladies Guild held an Xmas party at the home of Mrs. W. Gate on Dec. 14. Cards were played, honours Mrs. M. E. Cornett and Mrs. S. Penny. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. An exchange of gifts took place with Mrs. J. Anderson acting as Santa Claus. Gifts were presented to the retiring officers, Mrs. Anderson, Pres. and Mrs. S. Penny Secretary Treas. for their untiring work during the past term of office.

Victoria Rebekah Lodge held their annual turkey Xmas supper on Dec. 19 in the I.O.O.F. hall. The tables, decorated with miniature Xmas trees and burning candles gave a very pleasing Xmas atmosphere. The evening was spent in cards and dancing, whist honours going to Mrs. J. Kerr and Mrs. M. Jenkins for ladies and Mr. N. McKinnon and Mr. W. White for gents.

The members of Minerva Chapter O. E. S. gathered to gether recently for their annual Xmas party. The evening entertainment consisted of carol singing, after which bridge and whist were played. The winners in bridge were; first, Sister Edna Wilkie, consolation, Sister Mary Ann Morris, while Sister Elizabeth Lonsbury and Sister Vera McQuarrie took the honors in whist. A delicious turkey supper followed, after which the members enjoyed an exchange of gifts. Sister Hurlburt, of Lethbridge, was a guest.

At the last regular meeting of Minerva Chapter No. 41, O. E. S., the new slate of officers for 1954 were installed.

Those taking part in the installation ceremonies were Bro. Harry Garner, Worthy Installing Officer, assisted by Sister Edna Wilkie as Installing Marshal; Sister Bessie Park as Conductress; Sister Margaret Gillies, Chaplain; Sister Katherine Garner, Secretary; Sister Edith Blake, Organist and Sister Kate Johnston, Warder.

Sister Margaret Fleming was installed as Worthy Matron, after which some of her "ain folk" honored her in the form of an addenda. Sister Phyllis Jenkins, retiring Matron, was presented with her Past Matrons Jewel. Sister Gladys Bannan was soloist for the evening.

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Margaret Fleming. Worthy Patron — Bro. Chas. Freeman. Assoc. Patron — Sister Kathleen Powlyk. Assoc. Patron — Bro. Cecil Coover. Conductress — Sister Emily Guerdard. Assoc. Conductress — Sister Kathleen Price. Secretary — Sister Phyllis Jenkins. Treasurer — Sister Ange Wilson. Chaplain — Sister Irene Coover. Marshall — Sister Mary Ann Morris. Organist — Sister Emily Owen. Ada — Sister Elsie Wilson. Ruth — Sister Mary Weltons. Esther — Sister Emma Fontana. Martha — Sister Muriel D'Amico. Electa — Sister Laura Johnston. Warder — Sister Myrtle Johnston. Sentinel — Sister Gordie Wood.

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## CHRISTMAS WEDDING

By Maud McCurdy Welch

JEAN KNEW that Hawkeye, the store detective, was keeping his eyes on Jimmy, and she couldn't help feeling worried.

Jean and Jimmy were engaged. They were going to be married as soon as Jimmy got a raise. They both worked in the Mammoth Store and were saving everything they could to buy furniture for their future home.

Hawkeye was exactly like the detective made famous by the movies. Hard, gimlet eyes, black cigars, derby tilted on his head. It was his boast that nobody ever got by with stealing in this store. It was this boast that had given him the nickname of Hawkeye.

But why, oh, why should he suspect Jimmy of doing anything wrong? It was true his salary was small, but he would be promoted soon. Jean was sure of that.

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